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SUBJ: LABOR DEVELOPMENTS IN MONTREAL

REF: MONTREAL 0855 AND PREVIOUS

1. THOUSANDS OF CONSTRUCTION WORKERS AFFILIATED WITH QUEBEC FEDERATION OF LABOR STAYED OFF JOBS AGAIN ON MAY 16 AS QFL CONTINUED TO PROTEST PROVINCIAL PLANS TO IMPLEMENT CLICHE COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS. SPOKESMAN FOR AREA'S LARGEST SUPPLIER OF PREPARED CONCRETE SAID MOST MAJOR PROJECTS WERE IDLE, INCLUDING OLYMPIC SITE, BUT THAT MOST SINGLE STRUCTURE SITES WORKING NORMALLY. IN LATE MORNING CONGEN OFFICER VISITED PLACE DESJARDINS AND CITE CONCORDIA, TWO MAJOR COMPLEXES UNDER CONSTRUCTION, AND VERIFIED THEY WERE INACTIVE.

2. ON MAY 15, GOON SQUADS VISITED SELECTED SITES TO "URGE" WORKERS WALK OFF JOBS. QUEBEC MINISTER OF JUSTICE HAS ORDERED POLICE TO MAINTAIN VISIBLE PRESENCE AT ALL SITES TO DISCOURAGE SUCH TACTICS.

3. FRANCOPHONE DAILY LA PRESSE OF MAY 16 REPORTS LEGISLATION IMPOSING TRUSTEESHIP ON CERTAIN QFL UNIONS WILL BE ADOPTED  
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TODAY.

4. AS INDICATED IN OUR 0855, STRIKE AT PRATT AND WHITNEY HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY LABOR AS CENTRAL THEME OF CONFRONTATION. FOLLOWING MAY 15 MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, QFL LEADERS CALLED ON ALL QFL WORKERS AND OTHER TO PARTICIPATE IN OFF-JOB STUDY SESSIONS ON MAY 28 IF THE 16-MONTH OLD STRIKE IS NOT SETTLED BY THEN. QFL PRESIDENT LOUIS LABERGE HAS SAID THAT THE GENERAL WALKOUT ON MAY 28 CONCERNS THE PRATT AND WHITNEY STRIKE AND IS NOT RELATED TO THE CLICHE REPORT TRUSTEESHIP ISSUE. HOWEVER, SUCCESS ON MAY 28 WOULD SHOW HOW MUCH SUPPORT THE QFL IS LIKELY TO MUSTER IN OTHER CONFRONTATIONS.  
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